

REMARKS

Claims 21-23 and 43 are pending in the present application. Claims 21-23 have been amended. Claim 43 has been presented herewith. Claim 24 has been canceled.

Claim Rejections-35 U.S.C. 112

Claims 21-24 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph, as allegedly failing to comply with the written description requirement. The Examiner has alleged that the features "said fourth signal path does not include a delay circuit" in previously pending claim 21, are not described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey that Applicant had possession of the claimed invention.

Although Applicant does not concede that this rejection is proper, the claim 22 has been amended so as to not include the above noted features. Applicant respectfully submits that claim 21 as pending is described in the specification in such a way as to reasonably convey that Applicant had possession of the claimed invention, and that claim 21 is thus in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph. Applicant therefore respectfully submits that this rejection, insofar as it may pertain to claims 21-23, is improper for at least the above reasons.

Conclusion

The Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the above noted rejection, and to pass the claims of the present application to issue, for at least the above

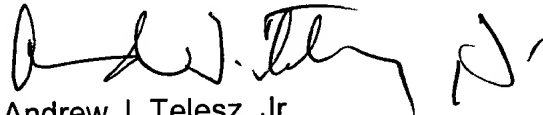
reasons.

In the event that there are any outstanding matters remaining in the present application, please contact Andrew J. Telesz, Jr. (Reg. No. 33,581) at (703) 715-0870 in the Washington, D.C. area, to discuss these matters.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment for any additional fees that may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0238.

Respectfully submitted,

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